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## Slow second half sinks Aggies

By Jason Walker  
SPORTS SENIOR WRITER

A pair of second-half goals by the

Utes took down Utah State's shot at a comeback against their in-state rival.

The Utes (2-3-1) took a 1-0 lead into the halftime break thanks to an eight-minute goal by Paola Van der Veen. Utah State (1-4-0) managed to corral momentum late in the first half and put together several scoring chances. The team had seven shots — three on goal — and looked to be able to compete with the Utes. However, USU managed just one shot on goal the entire second half and conceded possession to their opponents for most of the second frame.

“Soccer's a game of momentum,” defender Mealii Enos said. “We really were working with the momentum, we were getting a lot of opportunities toward the end of the (first half) and then they came out and we let them take the momentum from us in the beginning of the second half.”

USU head coach Heather Cairns mentioned the team's lack of depth and how the team pushed ‘to a tempo that we didn't need to’ which led to a lackluster second half. Just 17 players saw time on the field for Utah State while 26 played minutes for Utah, a lack of depth mainly caused by injuries.

“We made it harder on ourselves,” Cairns said. “We really have to pick our times to go forward versus when to possess and bring the rest of our players up the field and we didn't do a good enough job of that everything was just running, running and running...and that's not the way we're going to be successful.”

The game was the second time this season the Aggies have been shutout (third including the exhibition game against Southern Utah), the last coming on Aug. 16 against Sam Houston State (0-2). It was also the worst losing margin since Sept. 8, 2017 (a 0-5 loss to Minnesota).

Now at 1-4-0, Cairns said the team isn't where they want to be just two games away from their Mountain West opener against UNLV.

“We told the girls to trust the process but we're not where we should be,” Cairns said. “And that's a little bit disappointing, they've got to learn quick, we've got to learn a little bit quicker. We've got a lot of good pieces but we're not putting it together nearly where it needs to be.”

Enos said there wasn't anything too specific the team needed to work on, saying the team needs to “dig deep inside

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PHOTO BY Keith Srakodic/AP Photo

In this photo made with a fisheye lens, Tom Ridge the First U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security, and 43rd governor of Pennsylvania, left, joins in with some of the family, friends and volunteer representatives for the first ringing of the chimes at the dedication of the 93-foot tall Tower of Voices on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018 at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pa. The tower contains 40 wind chimes representing the 40 people that perished in the crash of Flight 93 in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

## Flight 93 chime tower an ‘everlasting concert by our heroes’

By Mark Scolforo  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — The heroism of airline passengers and crew who died when hijackers crashed their plane into a Pennsylvania field was remembered Sunday with the dedication of a concrete-and-steel tower that will ring with wind chimes for every one of them at the spot where they fell to earth.

Relatives of the 40 people killed during the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, helped ring eight of what will eventually be 40 aluminum chimes at the Flight 93 National Memorial site, and former Gov. Tom Ridge said the Tower of Voices will be “an everlasting concert by our heroes.”

The dedication occurred nearly 17 years after passengers on the hijacked flight from New Jersey to California fought back against a band of terrorists who then crashed the jetliner into a rural field. Officials concluded the terrorists were aiming the Boeing 757 toward Washington, to be used as an enormous airborne weapon.

It was “the day that lives were lost so that other lives were saved. And heroes were made over the skies of Shanksville,” said Ridge, who served as the first secretary of the Homeland Security Department when it was created after 9/11.

The roughly 93-foot (28-meter) structure represents the final phase of the Flight 93

National Memorial. Each chime generates a distinctive sound, and rows of trees that ring the site symbolize sound waves.

“Together their voices will ring out into perpetuity, with this beautiful Somerset County, Pennsylvania, wind,” park Superintendent Stephen Clark said.

The national park at a the crash site, about 2 miles (3 kilometers) north of Shanksville, also includes a memorial plaza, dedicated on the 10th anniversary in 2011, and a visitor's center that opened three years ago.

As a cold, driving rain pelted the hills, memorial architect Paul Murdoch spoke of the plan, which uses the wind to activate the chimes. The remaining chimes are expected to be installed in the coming weeks.

“These chimes respond to unanswered cries of voices not spoken again, but remembered in the vibrations of a monumental tower,” Murdoch said.

They range from 5 to 10 feet (1.5 to 3 meters) long, weigh as much as 150 pounds (68 kilograms) and are tuned.

Nearly 3,000 people died in the Sept. 11 attacks, when terrorists seized control of four

planes. They flew two of them into the World Trade Center skyscrapers in New York and the fourth into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, just across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.

“These guys are the real heroes,” said retired truck driver Stefan Robbins, visiting the

memorial from Lexington, Kentucky. “They didn't sign up — they're not a cop, they're not a firefighter.”

The Flight 93 passengers learned in mid-flight they had been hijacked and responded heroically, declaring “let's roll” as they confronted their adversaries inside the plane.

Thirteen passengers on the plane made a combined 37 phone calls during the attack, getting information about the other three hijackings and crashes.

“When they learned that, it galvanized them as a group,” Clark said. “They said, ‘We're not going back to any airport. This is a suicide mission.’”

As some passengers apparently tried to storm the cabin, the hijacker at the controls then rolled the plane, trying to throw them off balance, before the aircraft became inverted and crashed

at 563 mph (906 kph) on the edge of a re-claimed strip mine at 10:30 a.m.

The impact ignited about 100 hemlock trees. Hemlocks are used as symbols throughout the memorial's design, including the tower.

A 17-ton (15-metric ton) sandstone marks the impact site, located within a 44-acre (17.8-hectare) fenced-off area of the field where crash debris landed, referred to as the “sacred ground.” Access to that part of the park is limited to family members of the passengers and crew. Four 40-foot (12.2-meter) containers of remaining debris from the crashed airplane were buried there during a private ceremony on June 21.

The memorial was funded with \$46 million from 110,000 private donors, including \$6 million to design and build the Tower of Voices. Volunteers are well on their way to the goal of planting 150,000 seedlings around the 2,200 acre (890 hectare) park. It attracted about 400,000 visitors last year.

The dedication comes two days before the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. President Donald Trump is expected to attend that memorial ceremony Tuesday in Shanksville, along with Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.

Shanksville is about 75 miles (120 kilometers) southeast of Pittsburgh.

“Together their voices will ring out into perpetuity, with this beautiful Somerset County, Pennsylvania, wind

— Stephen Clark



# Prescribed fires planned for Cache National Forest

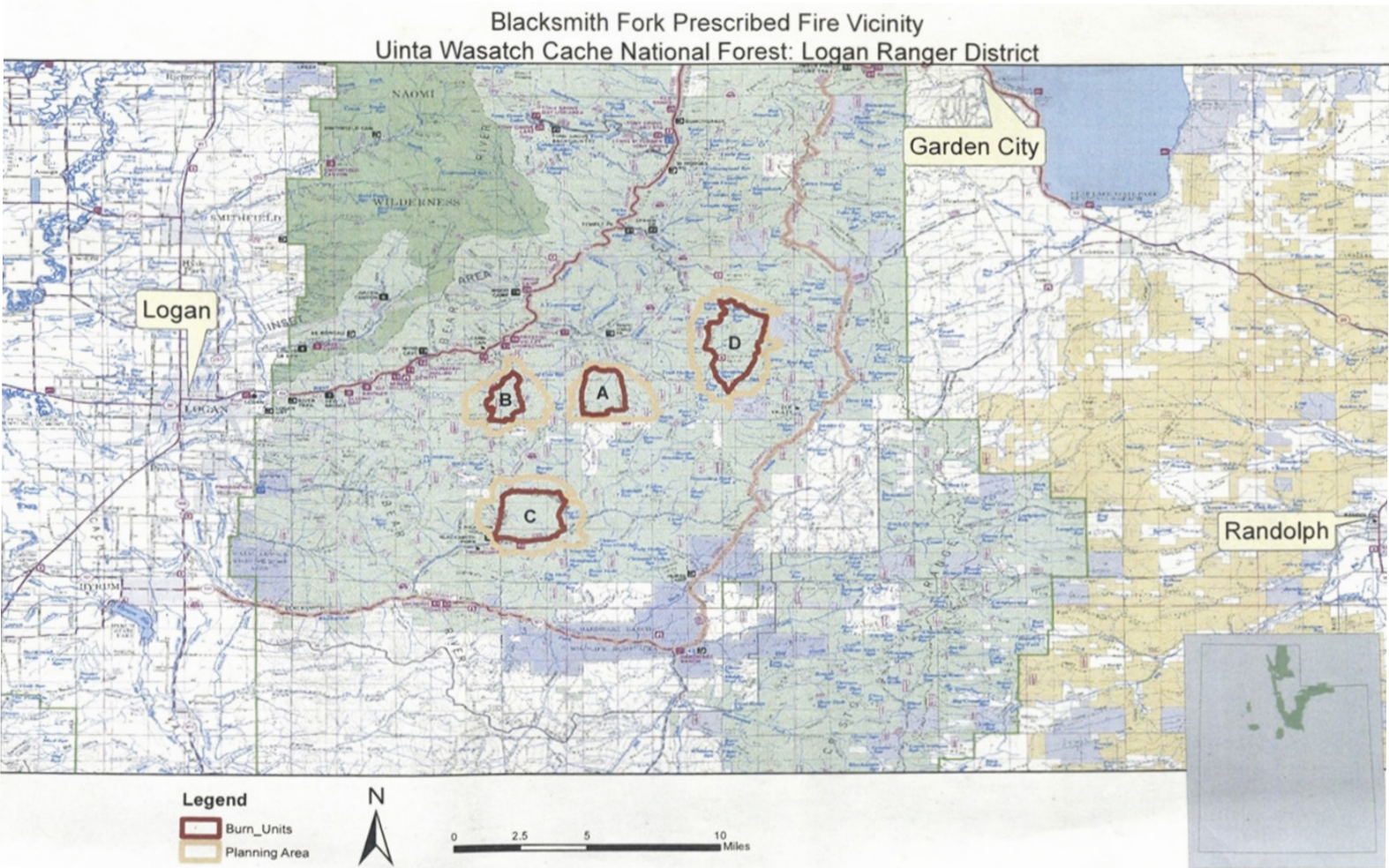


PHOTO COURTESY OF The Wasatch-Uinta-Cache National Forest Service  
Four of the proposed locations for prescribed fires, areas B and C will be the first to be ignited.

By Carter Moore  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Logan district ranger’s office of the Wasatch-Uinta-Cache National Forest is planning to set four sections of the Cache National Forest ablaze, and could start as soon as today.

These prescribed fires are lit periodically to mimic natural fire progression and to help maintain biodiversity in the forest, said Jennefer Parker, the Logan district ranger. “Aspen regeneration is our primary focus,” Parker said. “We want to diversify our classes of aspen and begin renewing grasses and shrubs for big game and livestock

grazing.”

The dates these fires will be started are not yet known, Parker said, as weather conditions must be ideal to reduce concerns about air quality.

“We have a burn plan that decides what conditions are needed,” she said. “There is a weather station in the area, and when we decide we are getting close to the right conditions, we start to get the staff ready. Right up until the moment we ignite it, we could cancel it.”

The first two areas to be burned are south

of Highway 89 near Card Canyon, with two more spots to the east planned for later in the fall. Parker said that locations are chosen well in advance of the fire.

“We’re usually looking for areas where conifers are taking over aspen stands, or where we are seeing a lot of older aspens and subalpine firs,” Parker said. “In the natural environment you’d have a lot of burns to come through and regenerate growth that would keep aspen stands young and healthy.”

Before human-caused infernos, forests

would experience understory fires every few years that burn out small saplings without damaging older trees, said Larissa Yocom, an assistant professor of wildland resources at Utah State University.

“Fires used to burn through these systems, but the interval between fires was very low,” Yocom said. “Once you had an end to this system, seedlings came through and crowded the forest which heightens the risk for crown fires.”

A crown fire, Yocom said, is a fire that consumes the whole forest, and kills even the older trees. These fires are hard to contain and pose a greater risk to cities near wildlands than understory fires, she said.

“I think a side benefit is that fuels will be reduced,” Yocom said, “so if there is a fire around here, it could slow it down or bring it to the ground. As far as reducing fire hazard, we will just have to see.”

Parker said when conditions are right, they will start by “blacklining” the area, burning a line around the circumference to prevent the prescribed fire from crossing into unwanted areas.

“We start the fire with a helicopter,” Parker said. “It drops fuel on the area, and a torch mounted underneath ignites it.”

While there will most likely be smoke visible from the fires, Yocom and Parker both said it will be minimal, as these fires are much smaller and more controlled than wildfires.

“You still have to be careful,” Yocom said, “but in a lot of cases, managed wildfires could be a good solution to multiple problems.”

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PHOTO BY Matt Halton  
The Peterson Hollow fire burned in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest August 22, 2016, just north of Beaver Mountain Ski Resort. Pictured is one of three helicopters used to control the fire.



# Utah State University to add new Portuguese major in CHaSS



Utah State University will offer Portuguese as a major starting in the spring semester of 2019, making it the first state school in Utah to offer the major. PHOTO BY Naomi Ward

**By Naomi Ward**  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Starting in the spring semester, Utah State University will become the first state school in Utah to offer a major in Portuguese, which will be housed in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

While the university provides classes in several languages, the only language majors currently offered are Spanish, French and German.

Bradford Hall, the head of the Languages, Philosophy and Communication Studies department, said the proposal for a Portuguese major was inspired by a combination of student interest and faculty resources.

“Portuguese is one of the largest minors in our department, only smaller than Spanish,” Hall said. “And we were able to hire a third faculty member to teach the language, so we

had the resources to do it.”

Developing a program requires both students and faculty involvement, as was shown last year in the department’s decision to stop offering Korean classes after the university’s sole professor returned to Korea.

The approval process for creating a new major takes about a year, going through the Board of Regents in the Utah System of Higher Education. Department Adviser Suzann Winn said the major probably won’t become official until late November or December of this year after submitting the proposal last November.

Not only is the approval process for a new major lengthy, but it also isn’t extremely common.

“Global communication is the newest major in our department and we added it about 7 years ago,” Hall said. “It’s not often we get to add a new major. Right now, we’re thinking

about submitting a proposal for a Chinese major, but that wouldn’t be approved for at least another year.”

Only 30 universities in the United States offer Portuguese majors, the only one in Utah being Brigham Young University. According to Hall, the Portuguese language’s popularity at Utah State might be explained by a large number of students returning from Portuguese-speaking missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

“A lot of our students coming back from missions help to support that interest, which made it possible for us to create the major,” Hall said. “Especially for a school in a smaller town like Logan, this is a great opportunity for our community.”

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Faculty Senate Meeting Monday Sept. 10

**“The Senate shall have the power to act for and represent the faculty in all matters of educational policy, including requirements for admission, degrees, diplomas, schools, and certificates, and curricular matters involving relations between colleges, divisions, or departments.”**

— **Utah State University Policy 402**

Powers given to the the senate include receiving and considering reports from any faculty committee and from any council department, division. The meetings are formal, democratic and bureaucratic.

The faculty senate is comprised of elected and ex-officio faculty, appointed administrators and appointed student officers and decide many aspects of educational policy, requirements for admissions, diplomas and certificates. They act as representatives for their given field or program and vote on behalf of those who they represent.

The main points of discussion were about defining conflict of interest in appointments for tenure positions and reviewing progress of the Educational Policies Committee.

There was also an update on the Koch task force: there have been a total of 5 meetings, progress has moved slowly, and the task force discussions will be taking place behind closed doors. The task force was created to review the management of the \$25 million donation the Charles Koch Foundation made to Utah State last year, which placed USU as second in the most Koch funded colleges in the nation, just below George Mason University in Virginia.

An important duty of the faculty senate includes the creation and deletion of committees and subcommittees. Including the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee (ATF), Budget and Faculty Welfare Committee (BFW), Educational Policies Committee (EPC), Faculty Diversity, Development and Equity Committee (FDDE), Faculty Evaluation Committee (FEC), faculty senate executive Committee (FSEC), and the Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee (PRPC).

The senate meetings are held once a month and are open to the public. More information can be found at usustatesman.com

# Aggie First Scholars program increasing retention rates

**By Hala Louviere**  
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Aggie First Scholars is giving first-generation students a better experience at Utah State University and increasing retention rates.

Aggie First Scholars is a program for incoming freshmen whose parents did not graduate college with a four-year degree. The program’s main goals are to foster belonging, give access and create strong communities, said Heidi Kesler, the director of student retention.

“Many first-generation students have what we refer to as imposter syndrome,” she said. The goals were created to combat this and give students what they need to succeed.

Two and a half years ago, first-generation students had a retention rate that

was 8% lower than the university average, said Kesler. She created Aggie First Scholars to help these students and it has been increasing since.

“I think that helps them realize that they can do it, they can stay in Utah State. They are smarter than they think, they’re stronger than they think, and I think that’s really important in retention,” said Monique Masina, a supervisor for Aggie First Scholars.

Last year, the program had only 22 mentees and 10 mentors. This year, it has grown to involve 330 new mentees and 86 volunteer mentors. There is also one coordinator and five supervisors, who help oversee the program.

The program is not extracurricular, it is actually a series of one credit classes for first-generation students.

“This isn’t a club, this is something more akin to Huntsman Scholars,” Kesler said.

Through the program’s first year, she found that students often prioritized work and academics and did not have time for extracurricular events. Kesler then switched the program to classes, so students could participate without feeling like they were giving something up.

“A lot of the students who took the class said things like, ‘You know, I feel like I go to my other classes and get wound more and more tightly and then I come to this class and I feel like I can breathe again,’” Kesler said.

Aggie First Scholars also provides peer mentors for the participants. These mentors are given grants to take their

four mentees out to lunch once a month. At these meetings, Kesler said, they have the opportunity to ask questions they are afraid to ask their professors. First scholars also can meet individually with their peer mentors for one on one help.

Although there is not a scholarship offered, throughout the classes, students practice writing scholarship essays and finding scholarships they qualify for. Kesler said this makes it easy for students to apply to scholarships because they already have everything they need. There is also a separate scholarship through USU for first-generation students called the Educational Opportunity Scholarship.

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# L.I.F.E changes name to Queer Student Alliance

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LGBTQIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, queer, intersex, asexual, plus) students and allies at Utah State University who previously attended weekly club meetings in the Access and Diversity center will now be known under a new name for the 2018-2019 school year.

Previously known as L.I.F.E. (Love is for Everyone) the organization will now go by the USU Queer Student Alliance in an effort to better encompass and describe the values of members of the community.

“The biggest thing that I want to shift away from is that we aren’t just a club,” said Jaime Soule, the president of the organization. “Our goal now is to work to facilitate an environment for the LGBTQIA+ community to feel safe on campus. It’s about educating and reclaiming the word queer.”

The main goals of the organization are going to be outreach and inclusive-ness.”

“It’s really queer hyphen students, not just queer students,” Soule said. “We want to build an alliance and try to bridge that gap.”

Kayla Ruud, the vice president of the organization, said she and her fellow officers decided that a big focus this year was inclusivity.

“Our first step was to change the club name

because we felt it better described our club, was more inclusive and also had a focus on ally-ship,” Ruud said.

Ruud said she has been in the club since fall 2017 and before joining, had no connections to the LGBTQIA+ community and no friends that were queer.

“Once I started attending meetings, I was able to learn more about the community and made a really amazing group of friends very quickly,” Ruud said. “I want all new members and any students interested in joining to know that we want QSA to be a safe space for people of any gender or sexuality, including allies. I’m always open to talk to anybody that is struggling or just simply needs someone to listen. I want this year to be amazing for our current and new members.”

Ruud invites anyone who feels like they aren’t accepted in the LGBTQIA+ community but wants to be a part of the club to contact her so she can help.

Soule has big plans for the organization including a rotating schedule that allows for weekly meetings focusing on education, open communication, community service and a monthly activity.

Freshman Cale Orwig recently moved to Logan from Salt Lake City and said that he is openly gay. He told his dad first because he didn’t live with him and then he told his mom

second, because if she rejected him then he “could just move in with (his) dad.”

Now, living on campus in a dorm with straight roommates, he said he is searching for that community here at USU.

“All this moving around and relationship changes, I think has just made me more mature and coming out as gay, I feel like I’ve become more confident and I do things that I don’t think that three years ago I would have done,” Orwig said.

He adds that he is excited about the inclusiveness of the clubs on campus.

The USU Queer Student Alliance has a Facebook page and multiple events coming up including a Rainbow Ball, LGBT History Month, National Coming Out Day, Transgender Day of Remembrance and more. Their opening social was held at Adam’s park and had a record number of people in attendance. The group will meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the MSS lounge on the third floor of the TSC.

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# Evermore Theme Park Preview



PHOTO BY Miranda Lorenc  
Evermore opened their gates for the first time this weekend during the annual Salt Lake Comic Convention for a pre-opening party.

By Miranda Lorenc

STUDENT LIFE EDITOR

“You are cordially invited...”

That was printed on the invitation for the exclusive Lore party hosted by Evermore park and FanX.

“Come join us for a thrilling night of Victorian-themed fantasy,” the invitation continued. “As the gates of Evermore Park open for the first time, discover the darkness lurking within...”

Evermore is a new immersive fantasy theme park that will open later this month in Pleasant Grove, UT. In conjunction for the annual comic convention, the new park held a pre-opening party, inviting visitors to see the park before it is finally finished and open for the public.

As those who know me can attest, I am a cosplayer. I collect or build costumes and wear them to conventions or other geek-related activities. Among my costumes is a rogue, an original character I have created over the years. My father has a warrior outfit and my brother a paladin set. When we dress up, we become an adventuring troop right out of a video game or Dungeons and Dragons campaign. Sometimes we get friends or significant others to dress up and our party grows.

After a costume-filled weekend at FanX, it was only natural that we dressed up for the Lore party.

I have known about Evermore since the beginning when it was first announced at the second annual Salt Lake Comic Convention in 2014. It was an exciting idea – a fantasy theme park in Utah. A place where I could be a pirate or a fairy and go on quests. It was also an ambitious idea and I heard a lot of people wonder if it would actually become a reality or if it would die because of lack of funding and support.

In the early days, Evermore park was originally designed to be 45 acres, less than

half the size of Lagoon. Right now, it is 11 acres. The sheer size of the original park design would have taken more than \$150 million, according to a Salt Lake Tribune article written in 2014. Since that first design, the park has gone through a lot of ups and downs, and its creation has taken a lot longer than planned. But the founder and creator of the park, Ken Bretschneider has persevered and the park is almost ready to open.

Walking through the doors of Evermore, I wasn’t sure what to expect. I had been seeing regular updates from the park’s Facebook and Instagram page and was excited to see everything come together. There were actors waiting by the gates, ready to introduce us to their world. Jack-o-lanterns galore lined the pathways, adding an autumn festival feel to the Victorian-style buildings that populated the area. Among the visitors were fellow costumers that added to the atmosphere.

I enjoyed conversing with the characters in the tavern, who talked of a darkness spreading throughout the land. One character said to ignore it, while another adamantly assured us it was coming. I found myself drawn into the world of Evermore, fitting right in with my dagger at my side and my small dragon companion, Hawke, riding my shoulder. One fairy squealed in delight when she noticed the winged creature and asked if she could pet it.

Wandering the park further, I watched sword fighting demonstrations and fire dances. I listened to ethereal music as I filled my platter with free meats, cheeses and fruits laid out on the banquet tables. While eating, I met a merchant of ale and his companion, a runaway noblewoman who had tired of her life and wanted adventure. Then, I wandered through a maze of tunnels under giant pumpkins and met the baby dragon, Aelin, and his tamer.

I also saw a preview for a haunted house in the mausoleum. And, from behind chain



# Mana Beadwork: Handmade Bracelets

## USU Student inspired by Colombian beading selling bracelets in Utah

By **Shelby Black**  
STUDENT LIFE SENIOR WRITER

When he was living abroad in Colombia, Hayden Hoopes, founder of Mana Beadwork, noticed bright, beaded bracelets on many people’s wrists. He quickly learned that they were known as “Manilla” bracelets.

The Manilla bracelets consist of beads and string woven together to form a bigger design. Hoopes realized he wanted to create these for himself, so he set out to learn how. “While in Colombia, many people gifted me these bracelets. I thought it would be fun to do for myself,” Hoopes said. “I asked around on the streets where I could find things for the bracelets. Everyone I asked seemed to know about this one secret building. So, I went to downtown Colombia which is pretty sketchy, then I went into the building and I went to the fourth floor. There was just this room and they had literally everything you need for the bracelets for really cheap.”

Hoopes supplies come directly from Colombia. Hoopes explained how he uses a loom,

string and beads to create his bracelets. It takes him six hours of needle and thread to create a finished product.

“The hardest part is getting the beads. I have to get them straight from Colombia. After that it’s just a lot of going back and forth. You have to weave the bead to each string individually. I taught myself while there. I’ve had a lot of fails, but I finally figured it out,” Hoopes said.

Hoopes returned to Colombia during spring break to get more beads and he has more being sent his way, thanks to his girlfriend in Colombia. After learning the process of the bracelets, Hoopes’ business needed a name. He chose the name Mana Beadwork because of the bracelet’s name, “Manilla,” and the Spanish word for hand, “mano.”

Hoopes said his inspiration for his designs come from his time in Colombia and, “Pinterest helps a lot.”

“I like looking at different things for inspiration. I look for sort of ancestral or tribal designs. I think that those look best on bracelets,” Hoopes said.



PHOTO BY Iain Laurence

This unique design pattern caught the attention of Jake Barney, a customer and friend of Mana Beadwork. Barney saw the bracelets and wanted to become involved. Barney is currently working on a logo for the company.

“I am all about DIY, so I asked him to show me because I was interested. One of my favorite things is that it is customizable,” Barney said. “I’m always wanting to design things. Being able to help with this and design my own bracelet was really cool for me.”

Since wearing his custom bracelet around campus, Barney has received positive feedback.

“I got it on Monday and have been wearing it around. The neat thing is that a lot of people have come up to me and ask me about it,” Barney said.

Mana Beadwork is working on getting the word out about their product. They are still in a stage of growth, but they have polished

their process by knowing exactly what they are making and selling. As a Spanish and business major, this business is just the beginning for Hoopes.

“This is just like one of the business I want to start. I’d like to do something in the future where I start my own business working with Latino Americans. Hopefully I can use this to generate more money for my next ideas,” Hoopes said.

Mana Beadwork bracelets sell for \$25. To get in touch with them, check out their Instagram. Soon they will be running from their own website as well.

“The purpose behind the bracelets, it is important. The bracelets are cool, but also there is a future prospect out there that this came from South America and it will go back to South America. My hope is that it will benefit them in the future,” Hoopes said.

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PHOTO BY Iain Laurence

Hayden Hoopes, founder of Mana Beadwork, creates bracelets with Colombian beads . Hoopes is now selling his pieces on Instagram.

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linked fences, I saw some of the statuary, three of which were 400 years old and had been transported from Europe; the others were commissioned and made for the park. Other highlights of the party included briefly sitting on a horse, trying my hand at archery and listening to a band of minstrels playing. I also really enjoyed talking to people, not just the character actors but the visitors who dressed up and came prepared with a whole backstory about their original characters. As the sun went down, the ground lights were brought out to illuminate tents, structures and activities. However, there wasn’t enough light to really appreciate everything about the park. Visitors and employees blended together, and the features of the park were lost in the darkness. I expect there will be better lighting installed when the park is

finished, but at the party, a good part of the experience was lost because of the lack of light. Nonetheless, I was impressed by the amount of detail in the areas I was able to see. The creators of the park have truly put a lot of effort into this project and it shows. But, judging by the lack of lighting, the number of unfinished buildings, the areas that were blocked off by fences and the lack of finished paths, I doubt the park will be ready by the deadline they have set themselves, which is sometime this month. I really hope this park will succeed. After years of watching Evermore’s journey, it is so exciting to see it so close to being finished.

Read more on [usustatesman.com](http://usustatesman.com)

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Utah State senior wide receiver Aaren Vaughns breaks a tackle from New Mexico State senior defensive back DeMarcus Owens. USU accrued 446 yards of total offense including 274 offensive yards in their home debut as they defeated NMSU 60-13.

PHOTO BY Tim Carpenter

# AGGIES KICK NEW MEXICO STATE

## Eberle's record-setting night helps propel USU to 60-13 victory in home opener

By Jaden Johnson  
SPORTS CONTENT MANAGER

The 2017 Utah State football season came to a screeching halt back in December, when the Aggies made the trip to Tucson for the Arizona Bowl and found themselves on the wrong side of a 26-20 overtime final to the New Mexico State Aggies.

USU kicker Dominik Eberle missed four field goals in the game after a nearly perfect kicking season in which the then-sophomore was named one of just three Lou Groza Award finalists.

This time around, it was Eberle and the Aggies in blue getting the last laugh.

The German native made six field goals and six extra points on Saturday night to tie an NCAA record for points by a kicker in a game with 24, and shattering nearly every kicking record in the USU record book as Utah State crushed New Mexico State by a score of 60-13.

“What’s nice to see is that kid took a lot of grief over the last time we played that team in his performance, which was really the only sub-standard one he’s had since he’s been here,” said Utah State head coach Matt Wells. “It’s nice to see him start off the year like this, obviously in great form.”

Eberle’s night started on Utah State’s first offensive drive, when sophomore quarterback Jordan Love led the Aggies down the field 53 yards to set up for a 44-yard field goal for the junior kicker.

On the first play of New Mexico State’s second offensive possession, USU junior linebacker Tipa Galea’i came off the corner untouched into the offensive backfield to meet Romero, where he earned his third sack and second forced fumble of the season. The USU offense, starting on the NMSU 20-yard line, wasn’t able to capitalize on favorable field position with a touchdown, but

Eberle tacked on his second field goal of the game, a 32-yard kick.

NMSU got on the board and took its only lead of the game on its third drive, when Romero led his squad down the field for a 10-play, 75-yard drive, capped off by an 18-yard pass to senior receiver Jonathan Boone for a touchdown.

Mid-way through the first quarter, Eberle continued his perfect game effort with a 51-yard field goal to put Utah State up 16-7. The kick was the second-longest of his career, and the second time the 2017 Groza Award-finalist had connected from beyond 50 yards.

After more offensive fireworks for Utah State which included a 65-yard touchdown drive, a 21-yard Eberle field goal, and a 46-yard touchdown drive, the home team went into the locker room up 33-10 halftime.

The first score of the second half came when Romero tried to connect with a receiver on a slant route, but the ball was wrestled away by Utah State senior cornerback Deante Fortenberry. The Oakland, Calif. native then weaved his way 75 yards through would-be tacklers for a touchdown to put USU up 40-13. The play tied for the tenth-longest interception return in program history.

After New Mexico State kicker Dylan Brown made his second kick of the game, a 31-yarder to bring the score to 40-13, Utah State quickly returned the favor. A 75-play drive lasting under two minutes resulted in another USU touchdown when junior running back Gerold Bright ran down the middle untouched for a 51-yard touchdown.

Bright led USU on the ground with 134 yards on 14 carries, the second 100-plus yard game of his career.

“I didn’t get touched thanks to my o-line, they did their job,” Bright said of the run. “They do

their job, and I just piggyback off of them, so it all goes do them. If they do their job, it’s a straight-away shot for me, so shout-out to them boys.”

At the 11:11 mark of the fourth quarter, Eberle made history. His third 51-yard field goal of the game soared through the uprights, breaking the program record for field goals in a game and points by a kicker, as well as scoring his 24th point of the game to tie the NCAA record for points by a kicker in a game.

“I knew the school record, because I set it last year, was 19 points, and my coach kept telling me that,” Eberle said. “My coach Brad Bohn set

the record for the most field goals for Utah State, so I knew it was five. So I knew after I kicked the sixth one that I had set that, but the NCAA one I wasn’t aware of.”

Eberle said even despite last year’s bowl game with New Mexico State, he wasn’t thinking about that game or about the opponent.

“I didn’t want it to be like a revenge or anything,” he said. “I just wanted to go out there and perform for my teammates and take it a kick at a time.”

Defensively, Utah State held NMSU to just 280 yards while forcing two fumbles and three interceptions. Senior safety Aaron Wade recorded two of the interceptions in his first collegiate start.

“We had a lot of energy going around,” Wade said of the defense’s performance. “When somebody does something great, you just want to do something better, then it just keeps stacking up and stacking up.”

In the game, USU recorded five sacks, including 1.5 by Galea’i, and one each from junior cornerback DJ Williams and sophomore linebacker David Woodward. This was the first time since 2015 an Aggie team totaled five or more sacks in a game.

Wells attributed his team’s ability to get to the quarterback to the defense’s performance stopping the run and creating 3rd-down-and-long scenarios.

“We’re certainly going to be an aggressive-style defense, and everybody on our defense can rush a passer and blitz, and that’s their responsibility,” Wells said. “We’re going to pressure a lot, and we’ve done it since I’ve been here. Nothing new.”

The USU offense finished with 446 total yards, including 172 through the air and 274 on the ground. Love finished 14-of-27 with 159 yards along with one touchdown and an interception.

Utah State will now face a short week, returning to Maverik Stadium in just five days when the Aggies take on Tennessee Tech on Thursday at 6 p.m.

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PHOTO BY Megan Albrechtsen

Utah State junior kicker Dominik Eberle kicks a field goal as senior holder DJ Nelson holds. Eberle set Utah State program records for most made field goals in a game (6) and most points by a kicker in a game (24) on Saturday night.

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Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (7) runs for a first down under pressure from Cleveland Browns cornerback Brian Boddy-Calhoun (20) during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, in Cleveland.

# COLUMN: Why the Browns won't suck this year

By **Daedan Olander**  
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One or two of these similarly titled articles surface before the opening kickoff of every football season, written by some idiot optimist who is certain that the Browns can't possibly retain the title of NFL's worst team for yet another year. Clearly, these people don't know how the NFL works.

Just as everyone who watches TV knows that switching to Geico can save you 15% or more on car insurance, so, too, can the average sports fan predict that Cleveland will likely lose 10 or more games in any given season. It's just what they do.

To add some context, after going 1-15 in 2016 the Browns posted an even worse record in 2017, becoming only the second team in NFL history to finish a season 0-16. Yikes.

But this isn't an article lamenting over the Browns torrid history, nor their questionable decisions in the past. There are enough articles and certainly enough material to cover their prior inadequacies for many years to come. Instead, we are going to take an objective look at a much-improved Browns team heading into the 2018 season.

Many of the Browns' struggles over the past decade can be traced back to a highly dysfunctional front office. Since 2012, nine of the team's 13 players selected in the first round are no longer on the roster. This, coupled with the Browns' decade long search for a franchise quarterback during which they passed on the likes of Carson Wentz, Deshaun Watson, and Jared Goff, exposes an embarrassing level of incompetence regarding the decision making by Cleveland's front office.

Because of this perpetual failure to im-

prove, perhaps the most significant move the Browns made this last year was the hiring of GM John Dorsey, a man with an impressive track record. During his four-year tenure in Kansas City, the Chiefs only failed to make the playoffs once.

Dorsey knows how to win, and this offseason proves that he isn't going to shy away from making hard decisions. He was gutsy in the draft and ignored pundits and fans alike who called for him to take QB Sam Darnold at number one and DE Bradley Chubb at four, instead opting for Heisman winning QB Baker Mayfield from Oklahoma and CB Denzel Ward from Ohio State, both of whom in limited preseason action have been impressive.

He also showed a willingness to move on from those who don't produce, promptly trading away QB28 Deshone Kizer and WR Corey Coleman, each of whom disappointed during their time with the Browns. Replacing those players are two former Pro Bowlers for whom Dorsey traded: WR Jarvis Landry and QB Tyrod Taylor, who, between them, should perpetuate the biggest changes in the offense this year.

With the Browns exchanging underperforming players at these positions with above average-starters, having WR Josh Gordon return, and adding WR Antonio Callaway, RB Nick Chubb, and RB Carlos Hyde, Cleveland should see a profound and immediate improvement in an offense which finished last in the NFL in points scored last season. The new Browns will have no problem moving the ball and should have an offense which ranks in the top half of the league this season.

The Browns defense is similarly improved, at least on paper. With promising young

talent from last year's roster gaining another year of experience, and augmenting that with tantalizing new players, the front office has set Cleveland up to take a leap forward on the less glamorous side of the ball as well.

Part of this transformation was vastly upgrading the secondary by adding CB Denzel Ward through the draft and CB Damarious Randall via trade with the Packers. These additions should carry a ripple effect throughout the entire defense, as better coverage will afford rushers more time to pressure the opposing quarterback; in other words, Myles Garrett will have more time to sack the opposing quarterback. Expect a healthy Garrett in his second year to wreak havoc on the rest of the league, perhaps even as a Defensive Player of the Year candidate.

With these improvements in mind, the Browns should win six or seven games this season. A leap of this size may sound gargantuan for a team which just came off a now infamous 0-16 season which was bad, but not nearly as bad as many think. A terrible 0-16 could have just as easily been a mediocre 6-10, as the Browns lost six games by seven points or less. Regardless, when a team has been a punchline for as long as the Browns have, it is hard to take them seriously even when deserving. Still, the moves the Browns made over this past offseason are eye opening and prove they are no longer a joke; they may even allow Cleveland to have the last laugh several years down the road. Whether or not this happens, the future in the Land looks to be the brightest it has been in 10 years.

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Utah State sophomore midfielder Amber Marshall fighting to keep possession of the ball against Utah junior defender Holly Daugirda at a game Monday afternoon at Chuck and Gloria Bell Field in Logan. Utah won the game 3-0.

# Volleyball goes 1-2 in marathon tournament

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The Utah State women's volleyball team had a rollercoaster weekend at their most recent tournament in Kalamazoo, Mich., where each of its games extended into five sets. The Aggies went 1-2 in the tournament.

The Aggies opened on Friday morning with a five-set loss (25-27, 25-19, 25-17, 25-20, 5-15) against Loyola. After leading for the majority of the first set, Loyola caught up and tied it at 15-15. USU bounced back and took set point at 24-20, but the Ramblers answered back with a four-point run to tie again at 24-24. The Aggies went on to lose the frame 27-25. During the early beginnings of the second set of the match, Utah State went on a four-point run and took the lead 10-7, thanks to a kill by freshman middle Corinne Larsen. USU was able to stay ahead the rest of the set and won 25-19.

Loyola came out swinging in the third set and took control early on, 6-2, before USU tied the frame 13-13. Throughout the match, the Ramblers and Aggies played through 12 ties and the Aggies had set points at 24-23 and 25-24 while Loyola came back to tie it once again at 25-25. The Ramblers wrapped up the set with a 27-25 win.

In the fourth set, the Aggies pulled out a six-point run and broke a 15-15 tie to launch them into a 21-15 lead. Loyola came within three at 23-20, but a kill by sophomore outside Bailey Downing and a block by senior middle Lauren O'Brien kept them ahead and won the set 25-20. During the fifth and final set, the Ramblers came out on top 15-5 to finish out the day victorious.

Saturday was the final day of tournament play, with games slated against Milwaukee and the hosts, Western Michigan. The morning started off with a USU victory over Milwaukee (25-20, 24-26, 25-17, 17-25, 15-13). Sophomore outside hitter Gabbi Shumway had 16 kills that game, alongside Larsen who had 15, and Downing with 12. Senior setter Kassidy Johnson recorded a career-high of 21 digs, while senior libero Tasia Taylor racked up 26 digs on the back row.

The Aggies caught momentum in the first set with a nine-point run, and locked down a lead of 18-12, finishing out the set 25-20. With the fire still ablaze, USU caught the lead again in the second set 6-1, before the Panthers took an eight-point run later on and gained control with their own lead of 22-21, and eventually won the set 26-24.

Now with an even match of 1-1, Utah State broke a 5-5 tie in the third set, thanks to back-to-back kills from Shumway which propelled them to sprint to a 25-17 win. Things got interesting in the fourth set when Milwaukee took their turn to break a 5-5 tie and rush to the win with 25-17 and forcing the game into a fifth set. During the fifth and final set between the Aggies and the Panthers, Utah State broke an 8-8 tie, before playing through five ties including a 13-13 deadlock, before ultimately winning the match 15-13.

That night against Western Michigan, the Broncos took the opening set with a 25-12 win. The second set ended in the Aggies' favor with a 25-18 win after breaking a 5-5 tie and going on a four-point run to launch them in the winners seat. Another round of poor offense from USU in the third set allowed Western Michigan to win 25-12. Utah State was like a firecracker in the fourth set, bouncing back to battle for the 25-22 win, with 16 kills on 31 attempts, and a single error.

A five-point run in the fifth set of the night gave Western Michigan the upper-hand and kept Utah State from coming closer than four points down to the 15-8 victory.

After the matches, Taylor was named to the all-tournament team after leading USU in digs with a final weekend tally of 67.

The Aggies will be back in Logan on Friday, Sept. 14 to host Weber State in the second of two in-state matches this season for USU.

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ourselves and get ready to compete against these other teams."

"I think we've got everything figured out tactically what we want to do," Enos said. "We're really getting opportunities with what we're doing we just need to finish our chances."

Drawing on the game against Utah, Cairns said the team has work to do on the defensive end of the field. This season the Aggies are averaging 2.6 goals against.

"We're giving away too many goals," Cairns said. "We have to clean up things defensively. These are not goals that are new to us getting scored on."

The Aggies will play their next six games at home, the first of those coming on Friday against Eastern Washington. The Eagles are 3-3-1 having lost their last game 0-1 to Denver.

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# MUCH 'JUST DO IT' ABOUT NOTHING

By Daniel Hansen  
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*Editor's Note: To submit a response to this column, or submit a letter to the editor on a new topic, email your submission to [opinion@usstatesman.com](mailto:opinion@usstatesman.com).*

You're probably reading this with the expectation of another spirited debate about Colin Kaepernick's protests and their effectiveness and morality. To save you the time, you won't find it here. For the most part, all of our opinions about Kaepernick are firmly set and incredibly difficult to change. I could write thousands of words outlining my opinions on the subject (for the record, I do support Kaepernick's protests), but in all likelihood, not a single person would rethink their opinion on the man or the protests.

So instead of going red in the face, let's focus on Nike, the company that's responsible for bringing the Kaepernick debate back to the forefront of the public mind.

We tend to give companies too much credit. Sure, some companies may hold frequent blood drives or make sizeable contributions to charity, but more often than not, the underlying motives for these moves is not the goodness of the company's heart. Usually, it's in the goodness of the company's bottom line.

So it is with Nike choosing former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick as the face of the 30th Anniversary of the company's "Just Do It" campaign. Don't get me wrong, there is still some political meaning behind Nike's decision, but this has vastly more to do with

money than a protest of police brutality. This is the same company that is still working to solve problems involving sexual harassment from a number of its executives. It's the same company that is so widely associated with sweatshops that an entire Wikipedia page exists for it. Nike didn't miraculously develop a conscience overnight.

Kaepernick's name carries controversy. Whether you support or condemn his actions, the mention of his name spells doom for any Thanksgiving meal. Regardless of that fact, however, Kaepernick is still money. Despite being

released in May of this year found that 57 percent of Americans age 18-29 viewed Kaepernick protesting during the anthem to be appropriate, compared to only 34 percent of Americans age 50-64 who said the same. That's a bunch of background information to basically say young people tend to agree with Colin Kaepernick and young people tend to buy more Nike apparel. Therefore, this isn't as large of a risk for Nike as it first may appear.

The vast majority of companies, especially those the size of Nike, have some sort of risk management team.

***Nike didn't miraculously develop a conscience overnight.***

off an NFL roster for nearly two years, Kaepernick's jersey remains a hot ticket item, ranking in the top 50 for jersey sales last year. With nearly two full years of data concerning Kaepernick's marketability since his protests began, Nike obviously had sufficient proof that their bottom line would not be in danger by involving Kaepernick in their advertisements.

A large part of that is the demographics Nike tends to target. Nike's usual audience are people age 18-40, both men and women, and the company has increasingly targeted teens and young adults as a primary consumer. Those same groups are also the groups that tend to agree with Kaepernick's protests, as a poll from the Washington Post

The decision to plaster Kaepernick's face across all of the company's marketing space was not the work of a rogue marketing team. Nike has reviewed this choice for months, if not years, and their conclusion, as evidenced by the release of the new ad campaign, is that such a move would not hurt in an impactful way. First and foremost, that is the basis of Nike's decision. It was the same when the company made Michael Jordan the face of the company at a time when featuring black athletes was not considered to be safe marketing strategies. Ethics first... as long as Nike's financial interests won't be hurt by following them.

Take a look at the other "socially responsible" causes that Nike chooses

not to get involved in. It's telling that Eric Reid is not included in Nike's recent ad. Reid was the first player to join Kaepernick's protest and, like Kaepernick, remains unsigned in the NFL despite clear evidence of his ability as an above-average starter. Also like Kaepernick, Reid has filed a lawsuit accusing the NFL of colluding to keep him out of the league. By excluding Reid, or any other member of the protest, Nike is quite clearly saying that the sole reason for Kaepernick's involvement is his recognition.

Nike also made a splash by tweeting out a picture in support of Serena Williams after the French Open banned Williams' catsuit, despite the suit's use in preventing blood clots. No threat of removing sponsorship. Not even a press release. A simple tweet.

For a business, that type of behavior is frankly (and unfortunately) smart. Nike sells apparel, and to be too worried about other interests would risk the health of the company. In that sense, yes, there is some amount of bravery in partnering with Kaepernick. To Nike, the benefits received for their Kaepernick ad is worth whatever cost may come with it.

And it appears that sentiment is correct. Since running the ad, Nike has seen a 31 percent boost in sales.

That's all they really wanted.

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